

"This Is Your Moment, Now Is Your Time, Let Your Voice Be Heard"

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following video today, urging the American people to make their voices heard regarding the Pelosi health care plan:

"As President Ronald Reagan said: 'Since the American founding, we have been a people with a government, not the other way around.'"

"Now comes the Pelosi plan for a government takeover of health care. It is a freight train of runaway spending, bloated bureaucracy, mandates and higher taxes.

"If the liberals in Washington have their way, they will forever change the relationship between the government and 'we the people.'

"If the Pelosi plan for a government takeover of health care passes, we will each become dependent on the political class in Washington for the provision of services of the most urgent and personal nature.

"Illness, our own, or more importantly the illness of a parent, or a spouse, or a child, has the capacity to suspend our priorities.

"What was important before the crisis grows dim in the harsh light of disease affecting a loved one.

"The Pelosi health care plan targets us when we are most vulnerable.

"The Pelosi health care plan makes us dependent on the state at the most urgent moment in the life of our family.

"Their hope: that little by little, we'll yield our freedoms and our resources to the ever-growing appetite of the federal government.

"After years of runaway federal spending, borrowing, bailouts and takeovers, it's easy to give way to despair; but I assure you: there is a remnant that still cherishes freedom, personal responsibility and limited government all across this land.

"I have seen it in the faces of ordinary Americans who have traveled to rallies, town halls and tea parties. I have read it in my mail. I have heard it from friends and neighbors who have lost their jobs but not lost their faith in America.

"The time has come for those who still cherish our ideals-the ideals of our founding: life, liberty and the pursuit of the American dream-to arise.

"Wherever you are, whoever you are, let your voice be heard.

"Republicans in Congress who are standing in the gap, cannot do this alone.

"I often tell my colleagues that a minority in Congress plus the American people equals a majority.

"'We the people' have the power to stop out-of-control spending at the federal level.

"'We the people' have to power to stop the Pelosi health care plan, in its effort to take over one-sixth of the American economy.

"And 'we the people' have the ability to protect the finest health care system this world has ever known and demand real health care reform that will reduce the cost of health care without growing government.

"I appeal to you not as Republicans or Democrats, liberals or conservatives, but as Americans.

"You cherish freedom, you fear the crushing weight of big government and debt that Congress and this Administration are leaving to our posterity, and you still believe that the strength of this nation is in the character and courage and ingenuity of the American people, and not the politicians and the bureaucrats.

"This is your moment, now is your time, let your voice be heard."